The East Africa Internet Governance Forum (EAIGF) Code of Conduct

The East Africa Internet Governance Forum (EAIGF) is intended for information dissemination, discussion and knowledge-share. The EAIGF is a collaborative environment in which people from many different backgrounds and cultures work together for the good of the African and global Internet. Those who participate in the forum and its related meetings, either in person or remotely, are expected to always behave professionally and respectfully. Any form of harassment, intimidation offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Those who participate in the forum and its related meetings, either in person or remotely, are expected to always behave professionally and respectfully. Any form of harassment, intimidation offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Participants thus agree to:

- Treat others with politeness and respect.
- **Treat all members of the EAIGF community equally**, irrespective of nationality, gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or beliefs, disability, age, or sexual orientation; all stakeholders of the EAIGF community should treat each other with civility, both face to face and online.

- Focus discussion or remarks on issues rather than on actors, whether they be individuals, groups, organizations or governments, and refrain from ad hominem attacks. Personal attacks or otherwise defamatory or discriminatory comments will not be tolerated.

- **Act in a reasonable, objective and informed manner** when participating in and/or using any EAIGF discussion platform.

- **Listen and respect the views of all stakeholders.** The EAIGF is a multistakeholder environment and those who take part in EAIGF meetings and inter-sessional activities should acknowledge the importance of all stakeholders and seek to understand their points of view. If you disagree with somebody, please state your opinion calmly and politely.

- **Respect the agenda**: Please keep your remarks on-topic for the relevant part of the meeting.
- **Act fairly and in good faith** with other participants in IGF processes.

- **Promote ethical and responsible behaviour**. Ethics and integrity are essential, and the IGF expects all stakeholders to behave in a responsible and principled way.

- **Respect the timekeeping:** Please keep your remarks reasonably short, and if the session leader closes the microphones before you have had chance to speak, then please return to your seat.

- **Respect language differences, translators, and remote participants**: Please speak slowly and clearly, and please use the microphones.

- Always act in the best interests of the EAIGF community.

Violation of this code of conduct may lead you to being asked to leave the meeting or to be banned from attending future EAIGF gatherings.

Participants are encouraged to report any violations of this code of conduct by contacting info@eaigf.africa.

All reports will be treated with confidentiality. Organisers will take all the necessary steps to ensure participant safety.

Enforcement of Code of Conduct

Responsibility to enforce the code of conduct lies with the Coordinator of the EAIGF secretariat or a staff designated by the secretariat.