

Draft Programme

East African Internet Governance Forum 2025

Theme: Advancing East Africa Digital Governance Together

Date: 15th May to 16th May 2025

Venue: The Edge Convention Nairobi, Kenya (hybrid)

May 15th, 2025 (DAY 0) (Virtual)	
East Africa Youth Internet Governance Forum 2025	
11:00 - 13:00	<i>National IGFs paving way for inclusive digital governance in East Africa</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Tea break
15:00 - 16:30	Panel session: Digital Trade and Data Governance for Digital Africa
16:30 - 17:00	Closing and departure

May 16th, 2025: East Africa Internet Governance Forum 2025

08:00 – 8:30	Participant registration - Local Organizing Committee	
8:30 – 09:30	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome and Introductions ● Dr. Grace Githaiga, CEO, KICTANet ● Representative from the East African Community (EAC) ● Government of Kenya rep (TBC) ● Ms. Anja Gengo, NRI Initiative Coordinator, UN IGF <p>Keynote Address: Minister of ICT, Kenya (TBC)</p>	
9:30 – 10:30	<p>High-Level Panel: Advancing East Africa’s Digital Governance Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Ayobangira Safari, APNIG ● Mercy Ndegwa, Director of Public Policy, East Africa, Meta ● Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, PIN ● Dev’t partner rep. <p>Moderator: Dr. Grace Githaiga, CEO, KICTANet.</p>	
10.30 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:20 - 11:20	Lightning talk: The inevitability of legal frameworks for Child Online Protection.	
11:20 – 13:00	<p>Workshop The People’s Network: The Participation of Civil Society Organizations in Digital Public Infrastructure Development in Africa</p>	<p>Panel session: Enhancing Global South CSO Capacities in Internet Governance: Engaging, Scaling, and Trust-Building</p>

13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 14:15	Lightning talk: The Coalition for Digital Africa (lightning talk)	
14.15 - 15.30	Workshop: The Next Round of New gTLDs –Opportunities in the Digital World,	Panel session: Addressing East Africa's Fragile Data Governance Ecosystem
15:30 – 15:45	Health break	
15:45 - 16.00	Lightning talk: Doubling down on Cloud security fundamentals against emerging threats	
16:00 - 17:00	Closing Ceremony Presentation of key recommendations from EAIGF 2025	
17:00	End of meeting and departure	