

### East African Internet Governance Forum 2025 Programme

**Theme:** Advancing East Africa Digital Governance Together

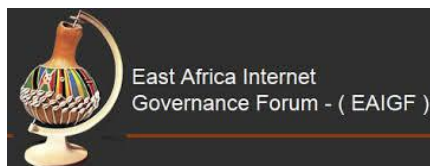
**Date:** May 15 – 16, 2025

**Venue:** The Edge Convention Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid)

#### May 15th, 2025 (DAY 0) (Virtual)

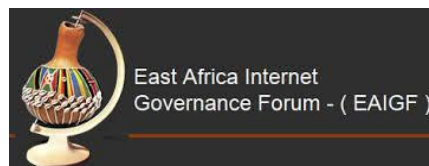
#### East Africa Youth Internet Governance Forum 2025

11:00 - 13:00	<b><i>National IGFs paving way for inclusive digital governance in East Africa (Virtual)</i></b>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Tea break
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Panel session: Digital Trade and Data Governance for Digital Africa (Virtual)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Dr.Asrat Mulatu   Abraham Fiifi Selby - Pan African Youth Ambassadors for Internet Governance   Abinet Sintayehu Sulayman - Pan African Youth Ambassador for Internet Governance   Godsway Kubi - Youth Ambassador, Pan African Youth Ambassador for Internet Governance (PAYAIG) and Lead Facilitator, Internet Society Online Safety SIG,   Ashenafi Mulugeta - OSC, Safety and Security Officer
16:30 - 17:00	Closing and departure

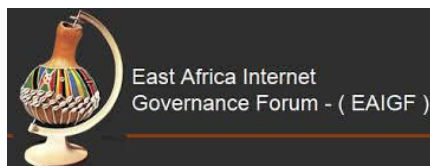


## May 16th, 2025: East Africa Internet Governance Forum 2025

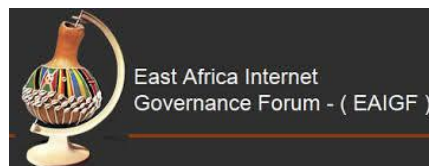
08:00 – 8:30	Participant registration - Local Organizing Committee
8:30 – 09:00	<b>Opening ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introductions - Rosemary Kimwatu</li> <li>• Dr. Grace Githaiga, CEO, KICTANet</li> <li>• Lilian Nalwoga - EAIGF</li> <li>• Ms. Anja Gengo, NRI Initiative Coordinator, UN IGF</li> </ul> <b>Moderator &amp; Event MC:</b> Robert Ford
9:00 – 10:00	<b>High-Level Panel:</b> Advancing East Africa's Digital Governance Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Ayobangira Safari, APNIG</li> <li>• Mercy Ndegwa, Director of Public Policy, East Africa, Meta</li> <li>• Adam Lane, Deputy CEO, Government Affairs, Kenya, Huawei</li> <li>• 'Gbenga Sesan, Executive Director, PIN</li> <li>• Dev't partner rep.</li> </ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Grace Githaiga, CEO, KICTANet.
10.00 - 10:20	Tea/Coffee Break
10:20 – 11:30	<b>Panel session:</b> Addressing East Africa's Fragile Data Governance Ecosystem <p><i>Objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Understand the Landscape: Assess Kenya's current data protection frameworks and pinpoint legislative gaps that erode trust.</i></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Bridge Policy and Practice: Explore innovative reforms that integrate ethical AI and digital inclusion for holistic governance.</i></li> <li>● <i>Empower Stakeholders: Equip government, industry, and civil society with actionable strategies and emphasize transparent policymaking and strong public-private partnerships.</i></li> <li>● <i>Enhance Digital Trust: Develop insights into advanced data privacy protocols and responsible data management practices.</i></li> <li>● <i>Explore Sector Impacts: Analyze how data policies affect key sectors—such as health, finance, and education—to promote secure connectivity and drive digital innovation.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Hon. Senator Catherine Mumma   Hon. Jacqueline Kyatuhair, MP - EALA   Abuta Oget</p>
11:30 - 11:45	<p><b>Lightning talk:</b> The inevitability of legal frameworks for Child Online Protection, Igxtelle Mbah-Acha Dopgima</p> <p><i>The session will expound on the advancement of the internet and digital connectivity and the ills and risks presented to the most vulnerable population of children, mentally disabled and the aging population.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Igxtelle Mbah-Acha Dopgima</p>
11:45 -13:00	<p><b>Panel session:</b> Enhancing Global South CSO Capacities in Internet Governance: Engaging, Scaling, and Trust-Building</p> <p><i>This high-level panel discussion brings together experts, policymakers, and civil society representatives to examine strategies for effective engagement in global Internet Governance (IG) processes. As digital technologies increasingly shape every facet of life, meaningful participation by Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), especially from the Global South, is vital to ensuring that IG policies reflect inclusive, equitable, and rights-based approaches.</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Angela Minayo - Article 19   Muthuri Kathure - Mozilla Foundation   Kenneth Musiska - Forus   Florence Awino - KICTANet</p> <p><b>Facilitator/Moderator:</b> Patricia Ainembambazi - CIPESA</p>



13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 - 14:15	<p><b>Lightning talk:</b> The Coalition for Digital Africa (lightning talk)</p> <p><i>This session will explore the Coalition's purpose, strategic pillars, and programs already in progress, such as improving DNS resilience, supporting language diversity online, and building capacity among African technical and policy making communities. The session will provide a platform for dialogue on how stakeholders in East Africa can engage with or benefit from the Coalition's activities.</i></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><i>Present the purpose and ongoing work of the Coalition for Digital Africa. Share updates on ongoing initiatives or opportunities under the Coalition.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Keith Andere</p>
14.15 - 15.15	<p><b>Workshop:</b> The Next Round of New gTLDs –Opportunities in the Digital World.</p> <p><i>This session will unpack the policy process, timeline, and support mechanisms—such as the Applicant Support Program—for new gTLD applicants, especially from underserved or underrepresented regions. It will include case studies and explore the socioeconomic potential of domain name innovation in areas like public service delivery, culture preservation, and regional branding.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Bob Ochieng, ICANN</p>
15:15 - 15:30	<p><b>Lightning talk:</b> Doubling down on Cloud security fundamentals against emerging threats</p> <p><i>In light of recent cyber attacks across Sub-Saharan Africa and the rapidly evolving landscape of security threats, this paper aims to emphasize the critical importance of cloud security fundamentals for developers. The presentation will provide actionable tips and best practices to enhance cloud security measures.</i></p>



	<b>Presenter:</b> Mark Orina
15:30 - 16:30	<p><b>Workshop</b> The People's Network: The Participation of Civil Society Organizations in Digital Public Infrastructure Development in Africa</p> <p><i>The primary objective of this session is to pinpoint potential areas for improvement by gathering data from Civil Society organizations. The session will explore CSOs understanding and participation in DPI initiatives, the extent to which existing policies/structures support CSO engagement in DPI initiatives and recommendations to broaden their participation.</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Mark Mulobi - DIAL Moderator: Risper Onyango - DIAL</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Closing Ceremony</b> Presentation of key recommendations from EAIGF 2025</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Rosemary Kimwatu - EAIGF MAG Chair</p>
17:00	<p><b>End of meeting and departure</b></p> <p><b>Tea break</b></p>