



ECA



Advancing Cybersecurity and Cyber Diplomacy in Africa

Provisional Programme of Work

Day 1 - 29th of October (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM UTC+3)

Sessions	Program Outline
Global Policy and Regional Compliance: Aligning and Strengthening Cybersecurity Focus: Analysing the implications of the new UN Convention on Cybercrime and the WSIS+20 framework. Key Output: Benchmarking regional compliance and policy harmonization to avoid regulatory fragmentation and secure cross-border cooperation.	Opening Remarks (5 mins): ECA & GNC Session 1 Moderator – Mactar Seck, Chief of Emerging and Frontier Technologies, Innovation and Digital Transformation Section, UNECA • Keynote Speaker (15 mins): Dereje Yohannes Ashenafi UNECA, Lead consultant, Technology and Innovation section Experts Panel Discussion (20 mins): • Dr. Jimson Olufuye UN IGF MAG & Chairman Kontemporary Konsulting Ltd • Thelma Efua Quaye, Director of Infrastructure, Skills and Empowerment at Smart Africa • Eng. Daniel Murenzi, Principal Information Technology Officer for the East African Community (EAC) • Dr. Emmanuel C. Manasseh International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Director, Regional Office for Africa Q&A (20 mins) Wrap up (5 mins)

Frontier Threats: Emerging Technology, Resilience, and the Future Workforce Focus: Leveraging Emerging Technologies for cybersecurity. This session explores the practical application of AI for threat detection and Blockchain for secure identity/supply chains. Key Output: A clear roadmap for Future-Proofing the Workforce, addressing the specialised regional skills gap in AI and Blockchain security to ensure talent retention and competence across the region.	Session 2 Moderator - <i>Segun H. Olugbile, Co-founder & President of Global Network for Cybersolution Ltd/Gte</i> Co-moderator - <i>Dooshima Dabo'Adzuana, Researcher, Boise State University.</i> Experts Panel Discussion (20 mins): • <i>Ms. Ulandi Exner Chairman, Africa ICT Alliance (South Africa)</i> • <i>Dr Martin Koyabe Senior Manager GFCE Africa Global Forum on Cyber Expertise</i> • <i>Dr. Eyo Essien, President, Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria</i> • <i>Eng. Hossam Elgamal Member, UN, Informal Multistakeholder Sounding Board</i> Q&A (20 mins) Wrap up (5 mins) Closing Remarks (5 mins) ECA & GNC
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Day 2 - 30th of October (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM UTC+3)

Session	Program Outline
The Geopolitics of Data: Digital Sovereignty and Cyber Diplomacy	Moderator: <i>Sorene Assefa, Cybersecurity and Digital Governance Expert</i> Opening Remarks (5 mins): <i>GNC</i>

Focus: Deep dive into Digital Sovereignty challenges, data governance, and the protection of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), integrating key discussions from Africa IGF 2024. Key Output: Defining practical cyber diplomacy mechanisms for regional cybersecurity cooperation, including effective CERTs and norms of behaviour.	Keynote Speaker (15 mins): Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola Chairman, Institute of Information Protection & Privacy. Africa & Chairman, Africa Union Cybersecurity Expert Group Experts Panel Discussion (20 mins) • Hon Alhagie Mbow, MP Gambia and Chair AfIGF MAG • Dr. Vincent Olatunji National Commissioner, Nigeria Data Protection Commission • Cynthia Lesufi, South Africa’s Minister Counsellor to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • Dr. Katherine Getao – Expert, Diplo Foundation Q&A (20 mins) Wrap up (5 mins) Closing Remarks (5 mins) Sorene Assefa, Cybersecurity and Digital Governance Expert
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