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WELCOME NOTE



If 2017 was the year that social media disrupted democracies and humanoid robots learned to do backflips, 2018 will be the year that we begin scripting the rules of behaviour for a new technology-embedded society. As governments increasingly rely on the internet for governance and delivery of social benefits, technology simultaneously holds the promise of transformation and the potential for exclusion. With many nations, especially in Asia and Africa, banking on technology, robotics and artificial intelligence to reshape humanity, we need to discuss and resolve a range of apprehensions around gender, race, ethnicity and equity.

At the inflection point of the 4th Industrial Revolution there is an imminent need to integrate emerging technologies with the needs of the African continent. CyFy is Asia's pre-eminent platform for discussions around economic, political, and strategic dimensions of cyberspace. conversations. This dialogues are enriched by your presence and we hope that you learn as much from this experience as we learn from you.

Over the last five editions of the conference in New Delhi, the gathering has engaged in many crucial conversations around managing cyberspace regimes. It has seen the participation of heads of states, ministers, national cyber coordinators, industry leaders and academic experts. The inaugural Africa edition of CyFy seeks to bring African voices to the forefront by engaging thought leaders, innovators and policymakers, from Africa, Asia, America and Europe to identify priorities and share lessons for sustainable growth.

The Regional Council of Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima, The Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy and Observer Research Foundation are delighted to welcome you to CyFy Africa: The Conference on Technology, Innovation and Society in the beautiful city of Tangier, Morocco. We wish you three days of pleasant stay and engaging conversations. This dialogues are enriched by your presence and we hope that you learn as much from this experience as we learn from you.

WELCOME NOTE



Moulay Hafid ELALAMY

Ministre de l'Industrie, de l'Investissement, du Commerce, et de l'Economie Numérique

The fact that IT is deeply transforming and significantly impacts the world requires no complex demonstration. Digital technologies and services can be found everywhere today. They are revolutionizing not only design, production and consumption, but also the very way we behave and act in our everyday lives.

What's at stake here does not simply affect a given sector, but answers key development questions and represents a real leap forward in terms of growth and progress.

Digital transformation provides crucial support for the progress and development the Kingdom is committed to, and this belief has already made of digital tools and processes powerful levers of growth.

The Maroc Digital (Digital Morocco) strategy provides a major opportunity to ensure a successful digital emergence. It simultaneously strengthens the foundation of what has already been achieved and initiates new transformation in the digital economy and its actors. The goals it sets for itself are essential, compulsory requirements on our journey towards development: The digital transformation of the national economy entails the digital transformation of the administration, the widespread use of IT, access for all citizens and businesses, the stronger positioning of Morocco as a regional digital hub, an improved digital ecosystem, IT infrastructures compliant with international standards, and, last but in no way least, highly qualified human resources. These are the decisive criteria which make the Moroccan market competitive and the key factors which provide investors in the sector with an attractive business environment.

The Agency of Digital Development, which is primarily responsible for executing the State's strategy for the development of the digital economy, has a decisive role to play in achieving these objectives and fostering a powerful digital sector. It is an effective governance tool to bring about the emergence of a true digital economy.

The objectives of the 6th edition of "CyFy Africa2018", a Conference on Technology, Innovation and Society, are aligned with our ambitions. The event is an opportunity for local IT actors to benefit from the experience, know-how and best practices of international experts and helps to strengthen the Kingdom's position as a digital platform for the whole continent.

CyFy Africa, to whom we wish a brilliant future, contributes to spreading digital culture, to a better understanding of the stakes, issues and opportunities, and to ensuring that the digital transformation of Moroccan and African economies actively contributes to sustainable development and progress.

WELCOME NOTE



Mr. Ilyas El Omari

President Regional Council of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima

The CyFy Africa 2018 Conference takes place at a time when available data confirm that technology has become a key driver for growth and job creation in Africa. In the past period, the African continent has witnessed rapid growth, generating a quantum leap in the number of technology hubs that have reached 314 hubs, spread across 93 cities in 42 countries of the Continent.

The rapid technological development in Africa has prompted global companies to invest in African countries, especially as their information technology

market has not yet been exhausted and continues to present significant growth opportunities.

As the Kingdom of Morocco is a pioneer in the technology sector at the African level, the country's leadership implies research into the future that technology will offer to the African continent, taking into account the fact that the Kingdom controls a share of about 45% of all technology exports from MENA Region to the rest of the world, according to the latest available official data.

The organization of CyFy Africa 2018 on Technology and Innovation in Tangier did not come out of a vacuum, but was rather based on the fact that Tangier stands out as a civilizational, cultural, and scientific gateway from Europe to Africa. The city is also one of the most significant technology hubs in Africa.

Starting from Tangier, CyFy Africa 2018 will address a series of challenges arising from the rapid technological development in the African

continent, with the participation of a wide range of international experts.

CyFy Africa will review some major issues such as the horizontal flow of innovation from Africa to other developing countries, the mechanisms for establishing a digital society for all in the Continent, and the promotion of financial and social integration. CyFy will also discuss ways to promote the growth of the African creative economy, the mechanisms of securing Africa's mobile payments market, and the impact of social networks on electoral results.

The Conference will also address ways to ensure a comprehensive digital business relationship for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), in addition to gender equality at work in the future, bearing in mind that we are on the cusp of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The challenge of confronting violent online extremism which relies on technology is also high on the agenda. The Conference will thus examine how to develop a continental strategy to counter the threat posed by digital terrorism. Besides, confronting cyber crimes that have become a major apprehension for the African continent is also one of the CyFy pillars.

Furthermore, the Conference seeks to identify mechanisms for achieving sustainable development through the use of technology, as well as to review the challenges of technological innovation in Africa, and the steps conducive to setting up a normative digital framework for the Continent, in addition to the opportunities and challenges facing young people in the new digital economy. CyFy will also review the success story of Aadhaar, India's identity program and the world's largest biometric database, along with a whole set of unique and inspiring experiences in Africa's digital change.

Finally, CyFy Africa 2018 seeks to develop the information technology sector in the African Continent, based on a road map for meeting the challenges of rapid technological growth, setting thus the ground for a new sustainable growth phase in Africa.

HOSTS



ILYAS EL OMARI

President Regional Council of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima



SAMIR SARAN

President, Observer Research Foundation and Founding Chair, CyFy



MOULAY HAFID ELALAMY

Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy,
Morocco



SUNJOY JOSHI

Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

AGENDA

19:30 – 21:30

NETWORKING DINNER: TRICKLING SIDEWAYS: INNOVATING FOR THE NEXT

Innovation will be integral to connecting the 4 billion individuals that currently lack access to the internet. However, as most of these individuals reside in the developing world, this ingenuity cannot come from Silicon Valley, where inventions are typically complex, expensive, and energy intensive. Rather, it will come from Africa, a continent whose constituents are developing cost-effective technological solutions to solve real world problems. This panel will discuss how this lateral flow of innovation from Africa to other developing nations will play out.

Moderator: Jonah Force Hill, Internet Policy, Specialist, U.S Department of Commerce, United States

Waruna Sri Dhanapala, Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure, Sri Lanka

Basile Niane, CEO Socialnetlink.org

Kamal El Dashan, Professor of Computer Science, Expert, ALECSO

Madhulika Srikumar, Junior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

19:30 – 21:30

NETWORKING DINNER: CONNECTIVITY4INCLUSIVITY - LESSONS FROM AFRICA AND ASIA

The mobile phone revolution in the developing world has revealed that technology is a catalyst for financial and social inclusion. This panel will look at some of the success stories from across Asia and Africa, the social and economic barriers to technological adoption and dissemination and a possible way forward to create a ubiquitously inclusive global society. Will these continents benefit from greater digital integration to script the new rules of cyberspace?

Moderator: Megan Cress, Founder, York Pacific Group

Nazneen Sultana, Grameen Communications, Bangladesh

Pape Oumar Yam, Co-founder and Chief Sales Officer at OuiCarry, Senegal

Evelyn C.M. Soko, Data Manager, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Suthikorn Kingkaew, Director, Thammasat Consulting Networking and Coaching Center, Thammasat Business School, Thammasat University

Friday, May 11, 2018

10:00 – 10:30 **REGISTRATION**

10:30 – 11:30 **CONFERENCE OPENER**

Ilyas El Omari, President Regional Council of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima

Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Morocco

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation

11:30 – 12:45 **HOW PERSONAL IS YOUR DATA: SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM AND DEMOCRACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY?**

For nearly a decade, the relationship between individuals and technology companies was simple: data was exchanged in return for services that were often free. Consequently, digital ecosystems thrived on the free flow of data. Aided by new intrusive technologies, this business model is now beginning to pose societal risks. From Russian influence operations in the US, to the Cambridge Analytica revelations, data has been used as a tool to manipulate and mould the public sphere in adverse ways. Some call this ‘surveillance capitalism’—and democracies, which take pride in open societies are most vulnerable. This panel will discuss how democracies must respond to the changing relationship between society and technology. How do we find a balance between privacy, innovation and national security?

Moderator: Samir Saran, President, ORF

11:30 - 12:45

Cathleen Berger, Global Engagement Lead, Mozilla

Ephraim Percy Kenyanito, Digital Program Officer, Article 19, Eastern Africa

Sean Kanuck, Director of Cyber, Space and Future Conflict, International Institute of Strategic Studies

Fouad Mouhyi, Director of Human Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Morocco

12.45 - 13.05

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Administration and Cyber Diplomacy, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

13:05 - 15.05

LUNCH SESSION 1: MPESA 2.0: SECURING THE FUTURE OF AFRICA'S MOBILE MARKET

(Panel Discussion)

While Africa's mobile payments system has seen many successes over the past few years, scaling such operations remains a challenge. Barriers include the lack of internet infrastructure, a nascent financial sector, lack of disposable incomes to purchase smartphones and data packages, and cybersecurity. This panel will discuss the prospects of enabling Africa's mobile payment market and facilitating greater access for individuals at the bottom of the pyramid.

Moderator: Mbaye Seck Diop, Deputy CEO and Co-Founder, African Payment Gateway

Gautam Saxena, Founder and CEO, Pegasus 7, Capital Advisors PTE Ltd. Singapore

Vladimir Korovkin, Head of Digital Research, Institute for Emerging Markets, Skolkovo Business School, Russia

Carl Manlan, Chief Operating Officer of The Ecobank Foundation

13:05 – 15.05

LUNCH SESSION 2: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

While ICTs can and have helped build open and equitable societies, governments word over are increasingly becoming insecure about the destabilizing potential of the internet. This is apparent from the many instances where internet services and access have been the first casualty of political unrest. This panel will reflect on balancing rights and freedoms with legitimate security interests in cyberspace.

Moderator: Lea Kaspar, Head, Programme Portfolio, Global Partner Digital, United Kingdom

Karsten Geier, Head, the Cyber Policy Coordination Staff in Germany's Federal Foreign Office

Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Administration and Cyber Diplomacy, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

M. Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council, Morocco

15:05 – 16:30

OUT OF AFRICA: WHAT THE CONTINENT'S TECHNOLOGY REVOLUTION CAN TEACH THE WORLD

Africa is home to many unique and inspiring stories of digital change. From Tanzania to Tunisia, the internet is creating pioneers in mobile connectivity, content creation and human rights. This panel will explore Africa's experiences with technology – both its use and misuse – and ask what lessons it holds for the rest of the globe.

Moderator: Katharina Jahrling, Spokesperson, Euro-Mediterranean Arab Association (EMA) Board

Nimusiima Barbara, Administrator at IWCE (Conference for critical communication technology), Uganda

Leila Hassanin, International Development Advisor, and Founder ArabDev

Gwendoline Abunaw, Managing Director, Ecobank Foundation, Cameroon

16: 30 – 16:45

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16:45 – 18:15

CLICK AND ELECT: THE INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON ELECTORAL OUTCOMES

Russia's influence operations during the 2016 US election raised important questions about the role of social media in politics and national security. While such conversations focus on developed states, it is in Asia and Africa where the risks of accentuating identity-based divides and manipulating political processes are highest. This panel will discuss how developing nations can secure the sanctity of political processes and what role tech corporations will play.

Moderator: Angela McKay, Senior Director, Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy, Microsoft

Paula Kift, Civil Liberties Engineer at Palantir Technologies, United States

Sean Kanuck, Director of Cyber, Space and Future Conflict, International Institute of Strategic Studies

Salif Sanogo, Journalist and Producer BBC Afrique, Dakar

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation

18:15 – 18:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

18:30 – 20:00

CYBER SECURITY AND GLOBAL STABILITY

Over the years, the variety and intensity of cyberattacks have multiplied exponentially—even as states have struggled to arrive at a global framework for cybersecurity. As developing countries digitize to improve governance, financial inclusion and achieve development goals, designing ecosystems that are resilient and trustworthy remains a key imperative. This panel will discuss the means build state capacity in cyberspace and find avenues for international cooperation.

Spotlight Speech: Eran Raven Feigenbaum, Former Chief of Security, Google

Moderator: James Owen, Senior Partner for India and South Asia, Control Risks

Angela McKay, Senior Director, Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy, Microsoft

JK Alhassan, Head of Department of Cyber Security Science, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Karsten Geier, Head, the Cyber Policy Coordination Staff in Germany's Federal Foreign Office

Mehdi Driouiche, Vice President, Organisation and Information Systems, Royal Air Maroc

20:00 – 22:00

DINNER CONVERSATION 1: GENDER IMPERATIVE IN THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

The fourth industrial revolution will transform the relationship between labor, industry and government. So far, conversations on the effect of such developments on women are limited. Even though social norms often hinder women's participation in the formal workforce, their presence in the informal sector will create new opportunities as the 4IR improves prospects for labour in the "gig economy". This panel will discuss the how women can benefit from the 4IR.

Moderator: Danielle Kayembe, Founder, GreyFire Impact, United States

Gisele Yitamben, Founder and President, Association pour le Soutien et l'Appui à la Femme Entrepreneur (ASAFE), France

Houda Chakiri, Chair IEEE Morocco Section Women in Engineering Affinity Group, Morocco

Keshinee Shah, Senior Manager, Dahlberg

Jennifer Elle Lewis, Gender Consultant, United States

Anna Lee, Co-Founder, VP of Engineering, Lioness

Houda Chakiri, Founder and CEO, Enhanced Technologies

20:00 – 22:00

DINNER CONVERSATION 2: AFRICAN INNOVATION AND THE KEY TO INCLUSION

Africa is entering a new era of opportunity and enterprise driven by local innovation. Already, evidence from mobile payments, health care and blockchain based ledgers reveal that Africa's young population is keen to employ technology to serve public purposes. This panel will discuss how these states can build educational and organizational capabilities; partner with key countries; find new avenues of finance; help share best practices and scale digital solutions.

Moderator: Ronak Gopaldas, Director, Signal Risk, South Africa

Kamran Elahian, Founder and Chairman, Global Innovation Catalyst, LLC, USA

Lucy Corkin, Business Manager, Rand Merchant Bank, South Africa

Sandiso Zama Sibisi, Lead, Accenture Open Innovation, South Africa

Mohamed Buhari, CEO Briclinks Africa Plc., Nigeria

20:00 – 22:00

DINNER CONVERSATION 3: AFRICA AS THE HUB OF INDO-ATLANTIC TRADE: ENSURING AN INCLUSIVE DIGITAL TRADE NEXUS

Africa sits at the intersection to two dynamic digital ecosystems in Asia and the Atlantic. Framing consistent rules on data governance and trade will increase foreign investment, encourage growth in indigenous platforms and create efficiencies for small enterprises. Simultaneously, these states must guard against data colonialism and protect nascent digital platforms. This panel will discuss how African states can participate equitably in global digital trade, and what role the African Union can play.

In conversation:

Isabelle Mégré, Advisor, Program and Content, International Economic Forum of the Americas

Cecilia Pagkalinawan, Founder and CEO BRWN.me

Saturday, May 12, 2018

09:30 - 10:00 **REGISTRATION**

10:00 - 10.20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Helen Hai, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

10:20 - 11:45 **NEW REALITIES AND THE FUTURE OF ENTERTAINMENT**

From artificial intelligence generated podcasts to augmented reality based video games, technology is transforming the entertainment market. Driven by the falling costs of emerging technologies and internet penetration, Asian and African states have a chance to create new markets, investment opportunities and jobs by encouraging their entertainment industries. Which new technologies will enable this and how can governments foster cross platform and cross boundary collaboration among artists?

Moderator: Khalila Kellz Mbowe, Founder & MD: Unleashed Africa Company Limited, Tanzania

Raja Krishna Menon, Director, Indian Film Industry

Nicolo Andreula, Independent Researcher, Singapore

Hala Abdala Sarhan, Former Television Show Host and Vice President, Dream TV, Egypt

11.45 – 12.00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:15

DATA DRIVEN GOVERNANCE: CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Internet is now an integral component of the development of countries in Africa and Asia. Robust cyber capacity is necessary for States to progress in economic, social, and political spheres. With this context in mind, this panel will discuss ways to build capacity in the public and private domain in ways that help facilitate broader governance goals.

Moderator: Kawsu Sillah, IT Specialist, Abuja, Nigeria

Isaac Mukama, Head innovations and Training ICT4D, Uganda

Savannah Kunovsky, CTO, Moringa School, Nairobi

Venkatesh Krishnamoorthy, Country Manager, Business Software Alliance

13:15 – 15:15

LUNCH SESSION 1: SECURING DIGITAL FUTURES

This panel will take stock of the various data security and data protection practices currently in place in various African nations. It will identify lacunae in laws and regulations that leave those dependent on the digital technologies vulnerable. Finally, by comparing recent developments in data protection across Asia, the panel will identify best practices in data protection for an open, secure, stable and accessible ICT environment.

Moderator: Shimelse Mekonnen, Manager of Reporting and Data Analytics, Quality Technology Inc, United States

Ghanisiam Rao Bhoyroo, Acting Executive Director of the National Computer Board, Government of Mauritius

Analia Aspis, Founder and President, Weiba Foundation, Argentina

Bezawit Girma, Senior System Administrator, NIB International Bank, Ethiopia

13:35 - 15:30

LUNCH SESSION 2: DIGITAL PICKPOCKETS: A NEW CYBER-CRIME WAVE

Cyberspace in Africa and Asia has become a hotbed of criminal activity. In Kenya, online businesses lose as much as USD 146 million per year to cybercrime. This panel will discuss the reasons for the rise of this digital scourge across the region and explore the ways through which it can be mitigated.

Moderator: Oluwafemi Osho, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria

Marie Agha-Wevelsiep, Council of Europe, Romania

Jiten Jain, CEO-Indian Infosec Consortium, India

Yusuph Kileo, Cybersecurity & digital forensics Expert, AfICTA Board Member, MD-NCF, Tanzania

13:35 - 15:30

LUNCH SESSION 3: TOWARDS AN AFRO-ASIAN STRATEGY FOR COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ONLINE

Technology has played a prominent role in the rise of radicalism in the Africa and Asia, with encryption-enabled mobile phones making it easier for terrorists to avoid detection whilst they coordinate their activities and social media serving as a fertile breeding ground for fundamentalists. This panel will discuss the development of a pan-continental strategy to counter the threat posed by digital terrorism.

Moderator: Maya Mirchandani, Senior Fellow, ORF

Maha Aziz, Professor, Political Risk & Prediction, New York University

Mohamed Daoud, Business Development Director, Governance, Risk & Compliance, Middle-East &

North-Africa (MENA), Thomson Reuters

Marc Porret, ICT Coordinator, Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations

Mohamed Elfayoumy, Political Advisor, United Nations

15:30 – 17:00

FUNDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF STARTUPS

Enabling youth to develop their own businesses will be a key factor in the rapid growth of the African region. In this new digital economy, decision makers need to ensure that infrastructure and sources of funding are developed for young entrepreneurs. This panel will discuss opportunities and challenges faced by young people in the new digital economic environment, how policies to facilitate trade, investment and innovation for African youth can be improved.

Moderator: Soline Kauffmann, Global Head of Ecosystems, Early Metrics, United Kingdom

Abdou Khadre Lo, Director for Africa, Access Partnership, Senegal

Aishwarya Balaji, CEO & Founder of Impact Chain Lab, USA

Said Khalil, Head of Digital & Innovation, Med1 TV, Morocco

Sanaa Tazi, Vice President, Digital and Data Management, Royal Air Maroc

17:00 – 17:15

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

17:15 - 18:45

CONTENT CONTINENT - FOSTERING THE GROWTH OF AFRICA'S CREATIVE ECONOMY

The wealth of artistic talent in Africa that was waiting to be unleashed is finding new opportunities in the digital medium. The increasing penetration of both smart devices and high-bandwidth internet will not only transform consumption patterns but jump-start the continent's creative export. This panel will discuss how African nations can bolster creativity indigenously and work towards becoming integral components in the global value chain of the artistic enterprise.

Moderator: Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation

Catalina Ruiz Navarro, Estreotipas, Colombia

Bharat Bala, Film-maker, India

Nosa Dag, Entertainment Mogul, Nigeria

Tamer Amin, Television Presenter, Al Hayat TV, Egypt

Ashraf Ibrahim, Ambassador of Egypt to Morocco

18:45 – 20:15t

BEING HUMAN IN THE AGE OF AI AND ICT: THE FUTURE OF WORK

With technical innovators calling for human beings to evolve to match the increasing capacities of AI, it has become pertinent that we, as humans, contemplate what we want to evolve into and what we want the future of our work, our relationships and our world to look like. This requires re-thinking the how and why of technological innovations and foster human-centric designs that enable us to evolve in alignment with our aspirations for each other, our planet and ourselves.

Moderator: Ineke Buskens, Research For the Future, South Africa

Yao Zhang, Robot Era, China

Craig Wing, CEO, Future World

Susan Bakesha, Consultant with Development Alternatives Consult (DAC)

Rajeev Mantri, Executive Director, Navam Capital, India

Pali Leholha, Former Statistician-General of South Africa

20:15 – 20:20

VOTE OF THANKS

20:20 onwards

COCKTAILS AND GALA DINNER

SPEAKERS AND DELEGATES



ABDOU KHADRE LO

Director for Africa, Access Partnerships

Dr Abdou Khadre LO is Access Partnership's Director for Africa, and leads its office in Dakar, Senegal. His experience as an international consultant includes collaborations with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the EU, the AU. He now deals with African and International ICT

sector members and works with industry members companies such as Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Iridium Satellite, etc. within the International telecommunications Union, which is the UN body in charge of Telecoms. Dr LO holds a PhD from the University of Paris1-Sorbonne. He is a respected authority on politics and technologies in Senegal and Africa, and is regularly consulted by international media.



AISHA AMOKA

Systems Analyst, Federal Ministry of Communications, Abuja, Nigeria

Aisha Amoka is a Computer Science Graduate of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto and works with the Federal Ministry of Communications Abuja, Nigeria as a Systems Analyst. Aisha is the founder of MAKIFA Network and also the National Coordinator for Women in STEM

Brainiacs. An experienced IT expert for over five years, Aisha has lots of experience with team work, tutoring and developing web pages. She strives to build capacity and expertise in the IT sphere by researching, interacting and connecting with new people in the tech industry.



AISHWARYA BALAJI

Founder and CEO, Impact Chain Lab

Aishwarya is the founder and CEO of the Impact Chain Lab, a blockchain innovation lab focused on global development and has been involved with blockchain technology since early 2016. She is now focused on identifying ways to apply the technology to create solutions in

the global development landscape. Aishwarya previously was an investor for 37 Angels, a women-led angel network and ran strategy and operations for Build Academy, a venture backed education technology and social impact startup that focused on crowdsourcing innovative design solutions for the building industry after joining as their first employee. Prior to that she spent some time as a global consultant for PwC working with fortune 500 clients on technology and security in the consumer products space.



AMADOU A. BAH

Founder, The Gambia Cyber Security Alliance

Amadou A. Bah is an advocate, blogger, activist and a trainer in the field of cyber Security. In 2011 he established an organization called Ba'lal Rural Empowerment and Sustainable Development Initiative (BRESDI). BRESDI is an organization that creates awareness on the importance of ICT in

community development and also provides free ICT training for rural kids. In 2012 he established a career development center as a way to prepare children in the field of science and technology. Between 2013 to 2015 he conducted series of cyber security awareness and ICT training programs promoting ICT education, and in April 2016, he founded and registered an organization call the Gambia Cyber Security Alliance (GCSA).



AMINA KHAIRY

Writer, Al Hayat Newspaper

Amina Khairy is a journalist and Features Editor at Al Hayat International Daily Newspaper, Cairo, Egypt. She was the Presenter and Editor of the “Ana T.V.” program Iqraa Al Hadiitha in 2009. She worked as Editor of the “Egyptian T.V.” program Al Zel Al Ahmar from 2008 to 2009. In her early professional career,

Khairy worked as a Bureau Manager & Journalist at The Middle East Times Weekly Newspaper from 1987 -1989 before moving to “New Horizon”, a monthly English Magazine, as a freelance journalist in 1990. In addition to her full-time job with Al Hayat, she contributes a weekly for El Watan, Al MasyalYoum dailies, Masrawy News and Al Ahram Online websites and Ahram Weekly newspaper. She also teaches Journalism and Writing for the Mass Media at the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.



ANALÍA ASPIS

Internet Policy Consultant Weiba Foundation, University of Buenos

Analia is a Lawyer. She recieved her MBA in law, crime and security in new technologies (University of Lausanne). She is a PhD candidate in University of Stockholm and University of Buenos Aires-CONICET. She is a researcher at University of Buenos Aires. She is also a Professor, lecturer and national and

international author specialized in technology. She is the advisor and member of international working groups on cybersecurity, privacy, human rights, internet of things, among others.



ANGELA MCKAY

Senior Director, Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy, Microsoft

Angela McKay is currently Senior Director of Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy within Trustworthy Computing at Microsoft. McKay leads Microsoft's public policy work on cybersecurity and cloud security. McKay serves on the Board of Councilors for the East West

Institute and represents Microsoft at the US National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee. Prior to Microsoft, McKay worked with Booz Allen Hamilton on cybersecurity and resilience, and BellSouth Telecommunications as an engineer



ANN IYET AHMADU

Founder, Digital Entrepreneurship For Women (DEW) Program, Nigeria

Ann Ahmadu is a certified innovator and digital entrepreneur with more than five years experience in Digital Entrepreneurship. Ann has successfully designed and facilitated programs aimed at creating an enabling business environment for young entrepreneurs in Nigeria. Ann recently launched her

Digital Entrepreneurship For Women (DEW) program for women between the age of 16 and 35 years across Nigeria. She presently sits as Digital Entrepreneurship Advisor at Enspire Incubator, a technology entrepreneurship development program in Abuja, Nigeria.



ANNA KIM LEE

Co-Founder, VP of Engineering, Lioness

Anna is the co-founder and VP of Engineering of Lioness, a women's sexual health company. Lioness builds the first smart, biofeedback vibrator and tool for self-experimentation to help women learn more about their bodies and to push the currently limited research on women's sexual

health. Before Lioness, she was a mechanical engineer at Amazon Lab126 working on the Amazon Dash Button's original concept and the Kindle Voyage's Page Press technology. In her spare time, she volunteers at Scientific Adventures for Girls which provides hands-on STEM afterschool programs for young girls. Anna holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley and lives in San Francisco.



ARSENE TUNGALI

Executive Director, Rudi International,

Arsene Tungali is a well-known Internet evangelist who has been working for the past 7 years on Internet governance issues such as Internet freedom, domain name policy, locally as well as globally. His work is also focusing on encouraging women and youth to participate in ICT policy

debates that are shaping the Internet of today and tomorrow. He has spoken on, conducted and supported research projects, documenting violations happening online such as internet shutdowns, censorship, human rights violations in his country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and across Africa.



BARBARA CHRISTINE NIMUSIIMA

International Women's Centre for Empowerment (IWCE)

Barbara is an ICT/Gender specialist and dynamic advocate for structures that bring women to the fore front of development, eliminating social and economic inequalities.. She previously worked for the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in Uganda. She is currently working with

International Womens' Centre for Empowerment to develop programmes that enhance social responsive strategies to support and facilitate sustainable development primarily for women's access to market programs, prevention of online Gender based violence, internet governance, enterprise development, business linkages, and to set up investments in new and innovative business and social services.



BEATA KASALE

Special Projects Director, The Voice Newspaper, Botswana

Beata Kasale is the Special Projects Director for Botswana's most popular newspaper, The Voice and Managing Director of Mobile Enterprises, a mobile solutions company operating in Botswana. He heads the team that migrated the print edition of The Voice to digital and grew it to maintain it's

status as a popular news source. Kasale's department at The Voice is mainly responsible for exploring alternative revenue streams through the use of digital platforms.

As the director at Mobile Enterprises she drives the company to provide mobile based solutions for the Government at community at large to better maximise the benefits of evolving mobile digital technologies.



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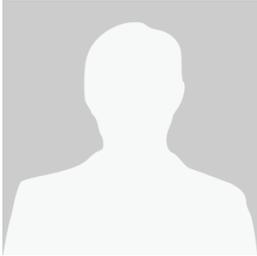


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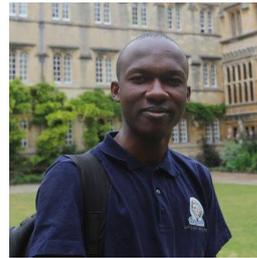


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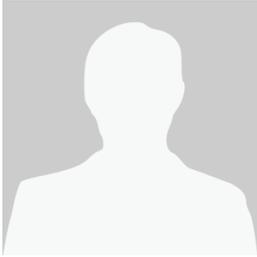


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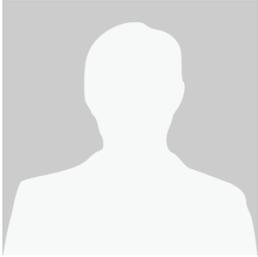


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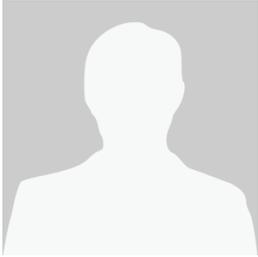


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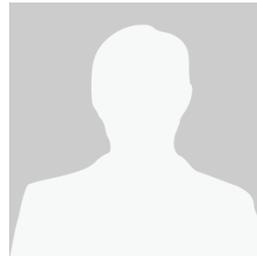


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She works now for the European Commission in Brussels, dealing with digital and economic affairs, mainly

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MAMADOU NIANE

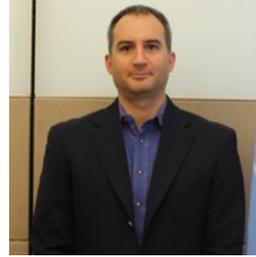
Founder, Blackbird Consulting

Mamadou Niane is an entrepreneur and a highly experienced e-commerce and marketing specialist. With nine years of experience, he has previously held senior positions with the likes of Alcatel-Lucent, Huawei and Europcar. Between 2014 and 2016 He managed the deployment of Kaymu (Jumia Group) the first marketplace in

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He is the Founder of Blackbird Consulting a consultancy firm helping startups to scale up and raise funds, he also manage the business development of INNOV4AFRICA and he is a speaker on



MARC PORRET

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Marc Porret is the officer in charge of information and communication technologies (ICT) and terrorism within CTED. He has launched the initiative 'Tech Against Terrorism' which is bringing together members of the Global Internet Forum to counter terrorism . He is also leading

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Megan Cress is a connector and catalyst who builds strategic partnerships as a business development professional. Megan works with founders, innovators, investors, and partners as a change agent, to strengthen dialogues, think outside of the box and manage complex multi-stakeholder projects.

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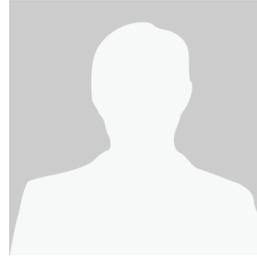


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MODOU NS NJIE

Gambian Entrepreneur, Founder of FarmFresh

Modou NS Njie is a Gambian entrepreneur and founder of FarmFresh. Through FarmFresh he wants to make natural organic foods available to everyone. Earlier this year, he was sponsored by Youth Empowerment Project to join the Gambian delegation and participate in

the Youth Connekt Summit in Kigali, Rwanda.



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Mr Moulay Hafid ELALAMY was appointed as the Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy. Mr.ELALAMY began his professional career in Canada as a senior advisor to the Ministry of Finance of Quebec before occupying the position of Director of Information

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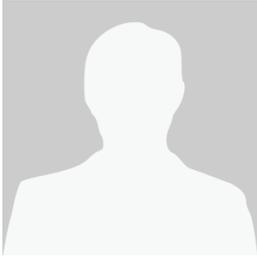


NAZNEEN SULTANA

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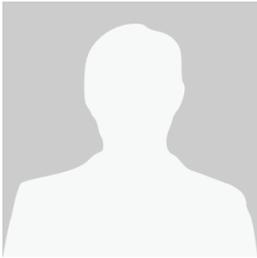


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A trainer in Web 2.0, Web activist, and former Chronieler Tech at RTS1 (Senegalese National Television), Basile Niane has covered major events (live blogging) for major brands (IDRC, Sonatel, Microsoft-Samsung).

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He is regularly invited to speak at high profile events at the Japan's House of Representatives, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa or APEC Senior Officer's Meeting in Vietnam.

He is a visiting lecturer at some of Asia's leading business schools (Nanyang and CUHK) and his research work has been featured on several international publications, ranging from the Harvard Business Review to Forbes. Nicolo' is also the co-founder of TEDxBari and a Junior Fellow of the Aspen Institute Italia



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NOSA DAG

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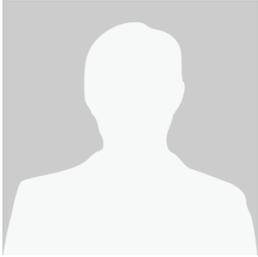


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A Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2014) and former member of the United Nations Committee of eLeaders on Youth and ICT, he is a CyberStewards Fellow, Crans Montana Forum Fellow, Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow, Ashoka Fellow, Our Common Future Fellow and Cordes Fellow. 'Gbenga served as a member of the Presidential committees on Harmonization of Information Technology, Telecommunications and Broadcasting Sectors (2006) and Roadmap for the Achievement of Accelerated Universal Broadband Infrastructure and Services Provision (2013).

He was listed by CNN as one of the Top 10 African Tech Voices on Twitter and by Ventures Africa as one of 40 African Legends Under 40.



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He was the founding chair of the Statistics Commission of Africa (StatCom Africa) and chaired the African Symposium for Statistical Development (ASSD) up until his retirement in 2017. He was the Vice President of the International Statistics Institute (ISI) and a sponsor of the Young African Statistician (YAS) movement. He was one of the 25 person team of Independent Expert Advisory Group advising United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon on Data Revolution. He is one of the ten member Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) to the UN Secretary General on the health of mothers, adolescents and children.



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including the early independent "Bas Yun Hi", "Barah Aana", the huge commercial hit "Airlift", and the Indian adaptation of Jon Favreau's much acclaimed film "Chef". He have received multiple awards for his work and his films have been acclaimed at several international film festivals.



RAJEEV MANTRI

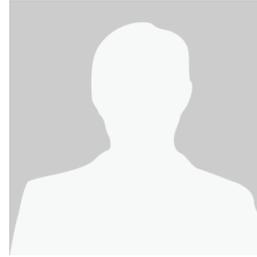
Executive Director, Navam Capital

Rajeev Mantri is executive director of India-based venture capital firm Navam Capital.

Prior to founding Navam Capital, Rajeev worked as a venture capitalist at New York-based Lux Capital. Rajeev has contributed articles on technology, investing, venture capital

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In August 2010, Rajeev co-founded Vyome Biosciences, a biopharmaceuticals company, serving as Vyome’s president through the company’s formative years. Rajeev graduated with a BS in materials science and engineering from Northwestern University, and an MBA from Columbia University.



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SALIF SANOGO

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Samir Saran is the President of Observer Research Foundation (ORF), one of Asia's most influential think tanks. Working with the Board, he provides strategic direction and leadership to ORF's multiple centres on fund raising, research projects, platform design and outreach initiatives including stakeholder engagement.

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From 2011 to 2016, Sean was the first US National Intelligence Officer for Cyber Issues. He previously served for over a decade in the CIA's Information Operations Center, including as an Intelligence Fellow with the White House National Security Council and on a US delegation to the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on international information security. Sean holds graduate degrees from Harvard and the London School of Economics.



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Moreover, she works on the implementation of the National Strategy on Cybercrime which was approved by the Government of Mauritius. She is presently working on setting up a Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Policy and an anti-cyber threat monitoring system under the chairmanship of the Honourable Minister to ensure timely response of cyber threats at national level. She is also the Gender Focal Point at the Ministry.



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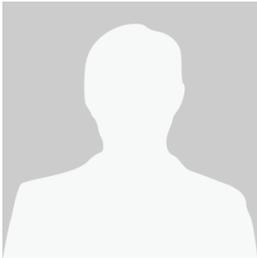


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Country Manager, BSA | The Software Alliance

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Victor is a lawyer who is specialized in business, governance, human rights, ICT, intellectual property, leadership, public policy and social justice. He's an alumni of the University of Nairobi and Strathmore Business School, a member of the Law Society of Kenya, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

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Yao Zhang, founder and CEO of RoboTerra Inc., has worked in the education and technology field for more than a decade. RoboTerra, recognized as the annual “Star Company” at the 2014 World Learning Technology Summit and a “Top 30 Innovations Company in 2015 SVIEF”, provides a cloud-based learning

solution connecting educational robots built by students and respective course modules. Yao was recognized as a “Top 25 Women in Robotics in 2015” by RoboHub, and most recently honored as a 2016 Young Global Leader by Davos World Economic Forum, an Innovation Ambassador by the United Nations (UNCTAD), a Global Future Council AI & Robotics Committee member and one of “7 Women in AI & Robotics” by major tech media. Yao Zhang and RoboTerra frequently appear on CNBC, Forbes, Business Insider and other media.



YUSUF ISA

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YUSUPH KILEO

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Yusuph Kileo is a cybersecurity and digital forensics investigations expert and a Board Member for AfICTA. He has worked with the Tanzania Police Force, utilising his skills in digital forensics investigations, and gaining experience in the field. He extended the cybercrime unit performance and has conducted several training sessions

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